Atty Teixeira, J. Stanley (for Petitioner/Executor Frankie Freitas)

Atty Melikian, J.L. (pro per Objector)

First and Final Account and Report of Executor and Report of Executor and Petition for Its Settlement for Allowance of Statutory Commissions and for Final Distribution

DC	D: 7/19/07	FRANKIE FREITAS, Executor, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
		petitioner.	
		Account period: 7/19/07 – 5/15/14	Note: Objections have been filed by J.L. Melikian. J.L. Melikian is an alias for Janetta Sconiers. Janet (Janetta)
Со	nt. from	Accounting - \$177,609.22	Sconiers has been deemed by the
	Aff.Sub.Wit.	Beginning POH - \$177,609.22	court to be a vexatious litigant. In
✓	Verified	Ending POH - \$175,500.00	her objections she states the court has systematically refused to file the
✓	Inventory	Executor - \$6,328.28	responsive pleadings provided by
✓	PTC	(statutory)	Janetta Sconiers therefore she has chosen to file the objections under
	Not.Cred.	Attorney - \$6,328.28 (statutory)	her recognized alias J.L. Melikian. Examiner has not reviewed the
√	Notice of	(statolory)	objections as the objector does not
	Hrg W/	Attorney x/o - \$17,500.00	have a pre-filing order allowing her
✓	·	(for will contest, trial on property claim	to file said objections.
	Aff.Pub.	and costs reduced from \$40,636.58).	
	Sp.Ntc.	Dramanad dishribution rousevent to	
	Pers.Serv.	Proposed distribution , pursuant to Decedent's Will, assignment of interest	
	Conf.	and court order allowing the	
	Screen	extraordinary fees charged against	
✓	Letters 4/21/08	beneficiary Janet Sconiers share of the	
	Duties/Supp	estate is to:	
	Objections	Rita Sconiers - 1/9 interest	
	Video	in real and personal property.	
	Receipt	Nathaniel Sconiers - 1/9 interest	
	CI Report	in real and personal property.	
✓	9202	Frankie Freitas - 2/9 interest in real and personal property.	
✓	Order	Priscilla Sconiers Dorsey - 1/9 interest	
	Aff. Posting	in real and personal property.	Reviewed by: KT
	Status Rpt	Jack Sconiers, Jr 1/9 interest in real and personal property.	Reviewed on: 8/11/14
	UCCJEA	Phyllis Sconiers - 1/9 interest	Updates:
	Citation	in real and personal property.	Recommendation:
	FTB N/A	The Estate of Clarence Whitmore, Jr	File 1 – Sconiers
	Notice	1/9 interest in real and personal	
		property.	
		Zachary Sconiers - 1/9 interest	
		in real and personal property.	

Atty

LeVan, Nancy J. (for Administrators Robert Jones and Denise Jones)

Report of Administrator and Petition for Final Distribution Upon Waiver of Accounting of the Estate of Sharon Rutherford, and Petition for Allowance of Statutory, Extraordinary Compensation and Reimbursement for Out-of-Pocket Expenses and Mileage for Co-Administrators, Statutory and Extraordinary Fees for Attorney [Prob. C. 10951(a)(1), (b)(7)]

DO	D: 10-11-11		ROBERT JONES and DENISE JONES, Co-Administrators	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/
			with Full IAEA without bond, are Petitioners.	COMMENTS:
			Petitioners are the sole heirs and waive accounting.	Need amended petition.
			I&A: Petitioners state an I&A will be filed prior to the	P • · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		hearing reflecting that there were no assets marshaled	SEE ADDITIONAL
~	Verified		in the estate. All assets were received after the date of	<u>PAGES</u>
	Inventory	Χ	death. Sharon and James Rutherford were both	
	PTC	Χ	tragically killed in an automobile accident on 10-11-11.	
~	Not.Cred.		POH: \$58,956.64 (cash)	
~	Notice of		,	
	Hrg		Co-Administrators (Statutory): Petitioners request	
~	Aff.Mail		statutory commissions of \$2,358.26 based on a fee base	
	Aff.Pub.		of \$58,956.64.	
	Sp.Ntc.		Co-Administrators (Reimburse): \$1,721.24 including	
	Pers.Serv.		\$1,335.00 for filing objections in related estate	
	Conf.		12CEPR00016, regarding appointment of a personal	
<u> </u>	Screen		representative in the case and to the establishment of	
_	Letters 3-16-	12	the ownership of the family home, \$335.24 for vet bills	
	Duties/Supp		for the decedent's cat and \$51.00 for securing the decedent's residence after her death (changing the	
	Objections		locks).	
	Video		,	
	Receipt		Co-Administrators (Extraordinary): \$1,150.00 (See Exhibit	
~	CI Report		"A")	
-	9202 Order		Co-Administrators (Mileage): \$2,055.20 for 3,670 miles @	
ŀ	Aff. Posting		\$.56/mile because Petitioners reside in Sacramento.)	Reviewed by: skc
	Status Rpt			Reviewed by: 8-12-14
	UCCJEA		Attorney (Statutory): \$2,358.26	Updates:
	Citation		Attornov (Eytraordinan): \$2.417.00	Recommendation:
~	FTB Notice		Attorney (Extraordinary): \$3,416.00 (declaration to be filed separately)	File 2 – Rutherford
			Petitioners state after payment of fees and expenses as	
			prayed, the amount remaining is \$45,462.68 to be paid	
			to John Albert Edie, Jeffrey Nass, and Tomassian, Pimentel & Shapazian for full consideration pursuant to	
			the settlement agreement for Civil Case 12CECG03015.	
			See receipt filed 7-9-14.	

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Need amended petition based on the following:

- 1. Need I&A per Probate Code §8800. Note: Petitioner states the I&A, when filed, will reflect that no assets were marshaled; however, pursuant to the Settlement Agreement entered into between this estate and the Estate of James Rutherford and approved by the Court on 3-12-13 in 12CEPR00016, certain assets were deemed assets of this estate. Therefore, a no-asset inventory does not appear to be correct. The settlement agreement provided in relevant part that:
 - Each estate was to retain any and all life insurance proceeds payable to the respective decedent (Were there life insurance proceeds to inventory?)
 - Proceeds from the sale of the residence was deemed an asset of James' estate
 - Proceeds from the estate sale were to be divided between the two estates
 - Sharon's estate was to retain the insurance payoff for the vehicle involved in the collision, provided there was documentation establishing that she was the sole owner, or if they were both on title, proceeds to be split. (Was the vehicle Sharon's asset?)
 - Sharon's estate was to be responsible for payment of the creditor's claim filed by Ronald D. Jones in both estates, and in 12CESC01458
 - James' estate waived claim to two accounts at Union Bank (So were these accounts then assets of Sharon's estate?)

Therefore, pursuant to this agreement, it appears the I&A, when filed, should reflect the assets that were determined to belong to Sharon's estate.

<u>Note</u>: It appears that pursuant to this settlement agreement, Sharon's estate accepted \$46,505.42 from James' estate. Need clarification: Did this sum paid from James' estate represent some or all of the value of the assets mentioned above?

2. As noted above, pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Sharon's Estate was to be responsible for payment of the creditor's claim filed by Ronald D. Jones in this estate on 7-10-12 and litigated in 12CESC01458 (later consolidated with James' estate 12CEPR00016). However, this petition does not address this claim at all other than to note that the claim was filed. Was this claim paid?

Need Allowance or Rejection of Creditor's Claim, and Notice of Hearing of this petition to the creditor if the claim remains unpaid per §11000, or receipt or withdrawal of the claim.

<u>Note</u>: Although the small claims case opened by the creditor was consolidated with James' estate, when James' estate was closed, the personal representative referred to the settlement agreement and noted that Sharon's estate was responsible for this claim.

- 3. Need detailed schedule of receipts and gains or losses with regard to the fee base of \$58,956.64 pursuant to Cal. Rules of Court 7.550(b)(6).
- 4. Need detailed schedule of costs of administration totaling \$1,721.24. Cal. Rules of Court 7.550(b)(7). (Exhibit "A" only states that the co-administrators each spent \$667.50 out of pocket, plus the vet and the locks, but there is no itemization of the \$1,335.00.)

2 Sharon Rutherford (Estate)

Page 3 – NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS (Cont'd):

5. Petitioners state they spent \$335.24 on vet bills in connection with the decedent's cat, but do not provide itemization, and do not state why it was necessary. However, also, the Creditor's Claim filed by Ronald Dean indicated that he also spent a total of \$563.02 in vet and other expenses in connection with the cat.

Case No. 12CEPR00101

The Court may require clarification as to why it was necessary for numerous parties to spend almost \$900 on this cat. Where is the cat? Or was it more than one? If the cat was taken in by someone, why are these expenses of administration rather than new pet-owner expenses? (Please note: Examiner understands rehoming expenses associated with decedents' pets (shots, supplies); however, the amounts noted here in total appear excessive.)

- 6. The Creditor's Claim filed by Ronald Dean also includes \$8,258.84 in funeral expenses, with itemization. Petitioners are requesting payment for their time spent on funeral arrangements. Need clarification.
- 7. Need <u>separate</u> itemization of extraordinary compensation requested. Cal. Rules of Court 7.703. The request should include sufficient detail to determine if the time spent was extraordinary in nature and which coadministrator performed which task.

<u>Note</u>: The itemization should include clarification regarding the request for compensation for time spent by Petitioners in consultation with their attorney Nancy LeVan, as well as 2 hours to "visit local attorney Polly (original attorney)."

<u>Note</u>: The itemization should include more specific detail regarding the numerous dates and time listed under "emailed/US Mail correspondence to attorney Dates, scanning documents (various docs, draft trust...), certified mail."

<u>Note</u>: There are line items for opening a bank account and making various deposits; however, opening and managing an estate bank account is associated with general estate administration (statutory) rather than extraordinary administration. Therefore, need clarification on revised itemization.

<u>Note</u>: Exhibit "A" is very confusing. The petition refers to Exhibit "A" for itemization regarding the request for extraordinary compensation; however, the total of Exhibit "A" is \$1,721.24, which is the figure requested for reimbursement of expenses of administration only. However, it appears to include list only time spent, totaling that amount. actual time and expenses.

8. Need attorney's declaration re request for extraordinary compensation. Cal. Rules of Court 7.703.

2 Sharon Rutherford (Estate)

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9. Petitioners state that John Albert Edie and Jeffrey Nass filed Civil Case 12CECG03015 against the Estate of James Rutherford 12CEPR00016, which included the Estate of Sharon Rutherford. That settlement included the following terms:

Case No. 12CEPR00101

- Farmers Insurance to pay plaintiffs \$100,000.00
- Estate of Sharon Rutherford all remaining proceeds represented to be over \$44,000.00
- Estate of James Rutherford \$25,000.00

Receipt filed 7-9-14 indicates that \$45,462.68 <u>was paid</u> to John Albert Edie, Jeffrey Nass, and Tomassian, Pimentel & Shapazian from the estate pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement. However, there are a couple of issues that require clarification:

- a. Petitioners state POH is \$58,956.64. Does that include the amount paid pursuant to the settlement agreement? If so, but the \$45,462.68 <u>has already been paid</u> per the receipt, then the POH would actually be \$13,493.96. Need clarification.
- b. The receipt is signed by Mr. Pimentel's assistant. The Court may require a receipt signed by the intended recipients or the attorney himself.
- c. Similar to the question regarding calculation of the fee base, it is unclear how this figure was calculated. If the POH is \$58,956.64, and all fees and costs are awarded as prayed, that would leave \$45,897.68 for distribution. Need clarification re the discrepancy.

3 Atty

Helding, Neil A (for Richard W. Koontz – Executor)

First and Final Account and Report of Status of Administration and Petition for Settlement Thereof; for Allowance of Statutory Attorney's and Executor's Compensation; for Reimbursement of Costs Advanced; and for Final Distribution

DOD: 11/30/2012 RICHARD W. KOONTZ, Executor, is Petitioner.			NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
		MOTO III. ROOME, Exception, is reminerior.	
		Accounting period: 11/30/2012 - 03/31/2014	
	nt. from	Accounting - \$679,579.19	
	Aff.Sub.Wit.	Beginning POH - \$650,435.72 Ending POH - \$666,999.29	
	Verified	- 3000,777.27	
✓	vermea	Executor - \$16,541.50	
	Inventory	(Statutory)	
	PTC	Executor Costs - \$316.50	
	Not.Cred.		
1	Notice of	Attorney - \$16,541.50	
	Hrg	(Statutory)	
√	Aff.Mail w/	Costs - \$3,000.00	
	Aff.Pub.	(for taxes)	
	Sp.Ntc.		
	Pers.Serv. Distribution, pursuant to decedent's Will, is to:		
	Conf.	Judy Colone Keentr Deal Property Joseph et 224	
	Screen	Judy Gelene Koontz – Real Property located at 234 East Hedges, Fresno, Ca.; household goods,	
	Letters 02/21/13	8304.6635 Shares of Franklin California Tax Free	
	Duties/Supp	Income Fund; 1986.4785 Shares of Franklin Federal Tax	
	Objections	Free Income Fund A.; 815.695 Shares of Franklin	
	Video	Templeton Mutual Shares CL-A.; 890.024 shares of	
	Receipt	Templeton Growth Fund A.; 1034.3545 Shares of	
	CI Report	Franklin U.S. Government Securities; 1402.953 shares of	
1	9202	Franklin Utilities; 7205.361 Shares of Franklin Income	
	Order	Fund; 663.175 Shares of Investment Company of	
✓		America; 965.221 Shares of Capital Income Builder;	
	Aff. Posting	\$27,336.60 from Chase Premier checking account	Reviewed by: LV
	Status Rpt	and Chase Plus savings account as calculated in	Reviewed on: 08/11/2014
	UCCJEA	Schedules F and G and Proposed Distribution of	Updates:
	Citation	Exhibit A; one half of any unused portion of the	Recommendation: Submitted
✓	reserve for closing expenses and one-half of any property of the decedent of the Estate not now		File 3 – Koontz
		known or discovered.	
	Please see additional page		
		<u>. 10400 000 44411101141 P490</u>	

3 (additional page) Alma Marie Koontz (Estate) Case No. 13CEPR00012

Richard W. Koontz - 8304.6635 Shares of Franklin California Tax Free Income Fund; 1986.4785 Shares of Franklin Federal Tax Free Income Fund A.; 815.695 Shares of Franklin Templeton Mutual Shares CL-A.; 890.024 shares of Templeton Growth Fund A.; 1034.3545 Shares of Franklin U.S. Government Securities; 1402.953 shares of Franklin Utilities; 7205.361 Shares of Franklin Income Fund; 663.175 Shares of Investment Company of America; 965.221 Shares of Capital Income Builder; \$63,836.60 from Chase Premier checking account and Chase Plus savings account as calculated in Schedules F and G and Proposed Distribution of Exhibit A; one half of any unused portion of the reserve for closing expenses and one-half of any property of the decedent of the Estate not now known or discovered.

Jerry & Billie Campbell Irrevocable Trust 3-28-91 Case No. 14CEPR00124 Schorling, Douglas D. (of Visalia, for Petitioner Kevin S. Campbell) Attv

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	Petition of Compel Trustee to Account

Jerry Campbell		KEVIN S. CAMPBELL, beneficiary, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
DOD: 8-4-00		Petitioner.	Continued from 4-9-14, 5-21-14, 6-25-14
-		Petitioner states he is an income and	
		principal beneficiary of The Jerry W. Campbell and Billie J. Campbell	Minute Order 5-21-14: Mr. Schorling with fill notice of hearing and declaration
	m frame 040014	Irrevocable Trust dated March 28, 1991.	addressing Examiner Note issues. David
	nt from 040914, 2114, 062514	The trust is irrevocable.	Ash is ordered to be personally present
	Aff.Sub.Wit.	Petitioner states DAVID E. ASH is the duly	at next hearing. The Court will send notice. Continued to 6-25-14.
	Verified	appointed and acting trustee.	
Ě		Petitioner states the trustee has not	Minute Order 6-25-14: Matter continued
-	Inventory PTC	made any report of information whatsoever concerning the trust for the	to 8-13-14. Parties present are ordered to appear on 8-13-14.
-	Not.Cred.	period starting with commencement of	
	Notice of	the trust on 3-28-91 until 8-3-00. For the	As of 8-11-14, nothing further has been filed.
	Hrg	period 8-3-00 until 2-1-09, the trustee	med.
~	Aff.Mail w	provided incomplete and handwritten information (see attached copies). All	SEE ADDITIONAL PAGES
	Aff.Pub.	of this incomplete and handwritten	
	Sp.Ntc.	information is written so sloppily that it is	
	Pers.Serv.	difficult or impossible to comprehend.	
	Conf.	Moreover, because no information has been provided concerning the trust	
	Screen	from 3-28-91 through 8-3-00, there is no	
	Letters	context for understanding what little	
	Duties/Supp	incomplete information has been	
	Objections	provided.	
	Video	Petitioner states that on or about 7-1-13	
	Receipt	Petitioner delivered by facsimile a written request for information pursuant	
-	CI Report	to Probate Code §§ 16062 and 16063.	
	9202 Order	To date, the trustee has failed and	
Ě	Aff. Posting	refused to prepare and provide	Reviewed by: skc
-	Status Rpt	Petitioner with the requested account.	Reviewed on: 8-11-14
	UCCJEA	Petitioner prays for an order: 1) Compelling David E. Ash as trustee	Updates:
	Citation	Compelling David E. Ash as trustee to prepare and file with this Court an	Recommendation:
 	FTB Notice	account of the trust since its	File 4 – Campbell
		commencement on 3-28-91,	·
		including copies of any and all documents that support,	
		substantiate, or evidence any item	
		set forth in the accounting;	
		Instructing David E. Ash to petition this Court for the settlement of the	
		account and give notice of the	
		hearing on the petition;	
		2) Fan analy allows a f	
		 For such attorney fees and costs as may be allowable by law; and 	
		For all other orders the Court deems proper.	

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Note: Petitioner Kevin Campbell is a beneficiary. The petition states the other beneficiaries are:

- Randall D. Campbell (Deceased)
- Ricky D. Campbell (Deceased)
- Keith J. Campbell address provided
- Jennifer D. Campbell (Deceased)
- Scottie W. Campbell address provided

Notice of Hearing filed 3-13-14 indicates mailing to David Ash, Keith J. Campbell, and Scottie W. Campbell.

Examiner Notes requested clarification on the dates of death for the deceased beneficiaries per local rule, and Petitioner provided the following information:

Declaration filed 5-21-14 provides the following information:

- Trustor Jerry W. Campbell died 8-4-00
- Trustor Billie J. Campbell is still alive
- Deceased beneficiary Randall Campbell died 1-4-07
- Deceased beneficiary Ricky Campbell died 4-20-09
- Deceased beneficiary Jennifer Campbell died 5-21-09

Examiner Notes requested a complete list of all persons entitled to notice of this petition pursuant to Probate Code §17201.

Petitioner's Declaration filed 5-21-14 states: Trustor Billie J. Campbell is still alive. Beneficiary Randall Campbell died on 1-4-07 leaving only two issue: Petitioner and Petitioner's brother Keith. Beneficiary Ricky Campbell died 4-20-09 leaving two children: Scottie W. Campbell and Jennifer D. Campbell. Jennifer D. Campbell died 5-21-09 survived by a minor child (name not included). Neither Petitioner nor Keith have issue. Petitioner states does not have mailing addresses for the children of Scottie W. Campbell or Jennifer D. Campbell. He attempted to obtain them from Trustor Billie J. Campbell; however, she did not return his calls or letter. Petitioner states Notice of Hearing was mailed to Trustee David Ash via certified mail, as evidenced by the receipt attached.

Notice of Hearing filed 6-2-14 indicates mailing to David Ash (via certified mail, receipt signed by Linda Ash, not David Ash, but also via Civil Subpoena personally served), and to Keith J. Campbell, Scottie W. Campbell, and Billie J. Campbell via regular first class mail.

<u>Examiner's Note:</u> The declaration is not verified by the Petitioner, and although the declaration provides some family lineage, <u>there is no statement providing the complete list of persons entitled to notice</u> of this petition with addresses as requested and pursuant to §17201, and although, as previously noted, the trust appears to include spouses, no spouses are listed.

<u>Therefore, a complete verified list of persons entitled to notice of this petition pursuant to §§ 17201, 17203 is still needed.</u>

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NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:

1. **The following item remains per above discussion:** Probate Code §17201 requires the petition to list <u>all persons entitled to notice</u>. Petitioner lists the other <u>living beneficiaries</u>; however, need clarification: Does this list include all persons entitled to notice pursuant to §17203?

For example, it appears that according to the terms of the trust, spouses and issue of beneficiaries may also be entitled to notice. Some of the beneficiaries are deceased. Is anyone else entitled to notice?

- 2. The attached copy of the trust is blank at various pertinent sections, such as the amount initially transferred, the appointment of a trustee, the amount initially received by the trustee, and Schedule A. Need clarification: Is a complete copy of the trust available?
- 3. According to the terms of the trust, the trust was to be split into six <u>separate</u> trusts for each beneficiary upon the deaths of the trustors. However, Petitioner appears to be requesting accounting for the original trust since its inception through the present.

The Court may require clarification regarding the requested account period and for which trusts.

4. Examiner Notes previously stated: Probate Code § 17000(b) (7) (B) allows petition under this section if the trustee has failed to provide the requested information within 60 days after the beneficiary's reasonable written request.

Petitioner states he faxed a request to the trustee on or about <u>July 1, 2013</u>, and to date the trustee has failed and refused to prepare and provide the requested account.

<u>However</u>, the copy of the letter at Exhibit C does not indicate any fax number or designation (i.e., "sent via facsimile") or fax confirmation data on the page, and Petitioner also does not indicate whether the communication was followed up via regular or certified mail, or telephone call, or whether he was able to confirm receipt of the fax.

Further, the copies of the ledger information provided by the trustee appear to be dated as late as <u>November 2013</u>, which is <u>after</u> the date of the request. This indicates that the copies may have been provided in response to the request.

If so, need clarification as to whether reasonable written request was made <u>after</u> receipt of the ledgers in response to the letters, providing time for response pursuant to Probate Code §17000(b)(7)(B).

Declaration of Attorney Schorling filed 5-21-14 (not verified by the Petitioner) states that subsequent to the July 1, 2013 written request, Petitioner has had at least a half dozen conversations with David Ash, in person and by telephone, reiterating his request for an accounting.

5. The proposed order includes his filing costs and attorney fees in the amount of \$1,500.00. The Court may require an itemized declaration regarding the fees from the attorney.

5 Henry and Margaret Boyajian (Trust)

Case No. 14CEPR00145

- Atty Pruett, Barry W. (of Grass Valley, for Phyllis Branche Petitioner)
- Atty Camenson, David M. (for Margaret Courtis Objector)
- Atty Burnside, Leigh W (for Jeffrey L. Boyajian Trustee)

Petition to Appoint Successor Trustee of Bypass Trust and Grandchildren's Trust and for Instructions

Henry Boyajian DOD: 10-18-01 Margaret Boyajian DOD: 10-29-13 Cont: 041014. 071614 Aff.Sub.Wit. Verified Inventory PTC Not.Cred. Notice of Hrg Aff.Mail W Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv. Conf. Screen **Letters Duties/Supp Objections** Video Receipt CI Report 9202 Order Χ Aff. Posting **Status Rpt UCCJEA** Citation **FTB Notice**

PHYLLIS BRANCHE, daughter of Henry and Margaret Boyajian (trustors) and beneficiary, is Petitioner.

Petitioner states Henry and Margaret Boyajian established the trust on 4-9-97 and amended and restated the trust on 9-23-99. After Henry's death on 10-18-01, Margaret became the sole trustee and pursuant to the trust created and funded the Survivor's Trust with the surviving trustor's share of the community property and a portion of the deceased trustor's share equal to the minimum necessary to eliminate estate taxes (the marital deduction amount) and the Bypass Trust with the remaining trust property. The Survivor's Trust was then amendable; however, the Bypass trust was irrevocable. After the death of the surviving trustor, the assets of the Survivor's Trust were to be added to the Bypass Trust and distributed as follows:

- Real property on Nebraska Avenue in Selma to Jeffrey Boyajian;
- 2) \$400,000 in securities or cash to Petitioner in trust for each of the three grandchildren, Andrew Boyajian Branch, Cody Branche Boyajian, and Alan Boyajian Branche, pursuant to a specified formula; and
- 3) The remainder to Petitioner and Margaret Courtis in equal shares.

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NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:

Minute Order 7-16-14: Counsel reports that the matter was settled last night at mediation. Matter continued to 8-13-14 as a placeholder only.

Status Report filed by Attorney Burnside states the draft petition for settlement, appointment of a successor trustee, and modification of the trusts is expected to be filed by the end of August.

- Petitioner states the principal place of administration is Fresno County; however, the Successor Trustee, Jeffrey Boyajian, appears to reside in San Leandro, CA, which is Alameda County. Therefore, need clarification re Fresno as proper venue with reference to Probate Code §17005.
- Petitioner states the names and addresses of the beneficiaries or trustees; however, Petitioner does not state that these are all of the persons entitled to notice pursuant to Probate Code §§ 17201, 17203, 851. The Court may require a verified declaration that this list contains all of the persons entitled to notice.
- Need copies of trust and amendments. Petitioner states copies of the relevant documents are attached; however, there is nothing attached to the petition.

<u>Note</u>: Respondent Jeffrey Boyajian provided a copy of the Third Amendment only.

- 4. Petitioner requests appointment of herself and Margaret Courtis as cosuccessor trustees of the Bypass Trust. Need consent of Margaret Courtis.
- 5. Need order.

Reviewed by: skc

Reviewed on: 8-11-14

Updates:

Recommendation:

File 5 - Boyajian

Petitioner states on 12-21-07, the Surviving Trustor amended the Restatement as to the Survivor's Trust (the First Amendment). On 8-18-07, the Surviving Trustor again amended the Survivor's Trust (the Second Amendment), which Second Amendment revoked the First Amendment, and also:

- Confirmed the specific bequest of real property to Jeffrey Boyajian;
- Concedes that the \$400,000 specific bequest by the Trustors jointly to the grandchildren is irrevocable; and
- Contrary to the dictates of the trust regarding final distribution and regarding the trustee, and despite conceding the irrevocability of the specific bequests to the grandchildren, Surviving Trustor purports to modfy the specific bequests by
 1) replacing Petitioner as trustee for the grandchildren with a committee comprised of Petitioner, Margaret Courtis, and Jeffrey Boyajian, and
 2) modifying the specified formula for distributions;
- Contrary to the dictates of the trust and despite conceding the irrevocability of the provisions of the restatement, Surviving Trustor purports to revoke the distribution of the remainder of the trust to Petitioner and Margaret Courtis by instead giving them a specific bequest of \$1 million each, with the remainder to Jeffrey Boyajian;
- Surviving Trustor purports to state that the provisions of the Second Amendment control over any conflicts between the language of the Restatement and the Second Amendment.

Petitioner states on 6-25-10, and contrary to the dictates of the trust regarding successor trustees of the Bypass Trust, Surviving Trustor executed a Third Amendment that purports to revoke the nomination of Petitioner and Margaret Courtis as successor co-trustees of the Bypass Trust and replace them with Jeffrey Boyajian.

The Surviving Trustor passed away on 10-29-13 and since her death, Jeffrey Boyajian has been acting as the successor trustee of the Survivor's Trust and the Bypass Trust.

Based on the many inconsistencies among the language of the Restatement and the Second and Third Amendments, Petitioner requests instructions from this Court as follows:

Petitioner states the Surviving Trustor clearly had no authority to modify the provisions of the Restatement as to the successor trustee of the Bypass Trust. As such, Petitioner requests that Jeffrey Boyajian be removed as successor trustee and that Petitioner and Margaret Courtis be appointed as successor co-trustees of the Bypass Trust.

There exists a conflict between the Restatement and the Second Amendment as to the final disposition of the trust corpus. Petitioner states the Deceased Trustor's intent was clear that Jeffrey Boyajian receive the property, the grandchildren receive \$400,000 each, and Petitioner and Margaret Courtis share the remainder. It is Petitioner's position that while the Surviving Trustor had the authority to amend the Survivor's trust, she breached the Restatement and did not have the power to modify the dispositive provisions as to the Deceased Trustor's share of the community property, which became his separate property pursuant to Probate Code § 100 by reason of his death. Petitioner states that because the Surviving Trustor concedes that the \$400,000 specific bequest is irrevocable, such irrevocability must also apply to the dispositive provision of such specific bequests.

As such, Petitioner requests that this Court order that Jeffrey Boyajian, as successor trustee of the Survivor's Trust, to return to the Bypass Trust an amount equal to the Deceased Trustor's share of the community property as of his date of death to be distributed pursuant to the Bypass Trust.

Because the \$400,000 for each of the grandchildren is to be held in trust, the Second Amendment is contrary to the Restatement in wrongfully modifying the trustee of the grandchildren's trusts. While the Surviving Trustor had the ability to modify the Survivor's Trust, she did not have the power or right to modify the dispositive provisions of the Deceased Trustor's share of the community property, including naming the trustee of the grandchildren's trusts. Petitioner again points to the concession that the \$400,000 bequests are irrevocable, and as such, the irrevocability must apply to the appointment of the trustee. Therefore, Petitioner requests that she be appointed as trustee of the grandchildren's trust and to distribute pursuant to the Restatement.

Petitioner prays for an order as follows:

- 1. Finding that all facts stated in the petition are true and all notices required by law have been duly given;
- 2. Removing Jeffrey L. Boyajian as successor trustee of the Bypass Trust and appointing Petitioner and Margaret Courtis as successor trustees of the Bypass Trust;
- 3. That Jeffrey L. Boyajian as successor trustee of the Survivor's Trust return to the Bypass Trust an amount equal to the Deceased Trustor's share of the community property as of his date of death to be distributed pursuant to the dictates of the Bypass Trust;
- 4. That Petitioner be appointed as trustee of the Grandchildren's trust; and
- 5. For such other orders as the Court considers proper.

Maggie Courtis' Objection states the amendments are valid and Jeffrey Boyajian is the proper successor trustee of the Byapss Trust and the grandchildren's trusts. The amendments were made with the assistance of legal counsel (Attorney Jeff Wall). The purpose of the amendment was to create a "zero tolerance" threshold for recipients of the grandchildren's gifts to ensure that the recipients have not engaged in substance abuse for at least three years. The Third Amendment appointing Jeffrey Boyajian as successor trustee of both trusts was also made with the assistance of Jeff Wall as counsel, and Jeffrey Boyajian has been serving as such since 10-29-13.

Objector states the Bypass Trust was funded with the Selma Property and about \$656,000 of securities. The specific gift of the property to Jeffrey Boyajian is not at issue. Therefore, the assets of the Bypass Trust are insufficient to gift \$400,000 to each of the three other grandchildren. Plain and simple, Petitioner is attempting to obtain more money than the amendments provide. The money would come from the Survivor's Trust, which is agreed to be amendable/revocable. Margaret Boyajian only amended the Survivor's Trust. Her intent is clear and should not be frustrated. Applying Petitioner's reasoning to the interpretation of the amendments would completely dismiss Margaret Boyajian's intent with respect to the distribution, which is that the balance of the \$400,000 each is subject to the condition of being drug-free, something that Petitioner (their mother) does not deem an appropriate restriction.

No-contest clause: Objector states that if a beneficiary under the Restated Trust shall contest in court the validity or seek adjudication that the Restated Trust or any of its provisions is void or set aside any provisions, then the right of that person shall be determined as if predeceased without leaving issue. Petitioner is seeking to void or set aside the provisions of the Restated Trust as set forth in its amendments; therefore, her right is to be eliminated.

Objector prays for an order that:

- 1. The Restated Trust amendments are valid with respect to Trust A (Survivor's Trust) assets;
- 2. Only Trust B (Bypass Trust) assets are subject to the irrevocability language of the Restated Trust:
- 3. Trust B assets consisted only of the Selma Property and 94,406 shares of the Franklin Fund Securities at the death of Margaret Boyajian;
- 4. Jefffrey Boyajian is the proper successor trustee of all trusts created under the Restated Trust;
- 5. Petitioner has invoked the "No Contest" provisions of the Restated Trust with the filing of this petition and there is no longer a proper beneficiary of the trusts established pursuant to the Restated Trust.

Jeffrey Boyajian's Response states Petitioner is seeking instructions regarding who is the proper trustee of the trust shares to be established for her three adult sons. Respondent understood that he had been appointed to serve with Margaret Boyajian as co-trustee and as sole successor trustee pursuant to the Third Amendment (attached). Respondent is uncertain whether the First and Second Amendments validly nominated him as successor trustee of the Bypass Trust; however, is informed and believes that the Bypass Trust was not subject to amendment. As noted; however, pursuant to the Third Amendment, he was nominated and served with Margaret Boyajian as co-trustee.

Respondent states that in the Second Amendment, Margaret Boyajian stated her understanding of the irrevocability of the Bypass Trust, but further stated her intent to modify the dispositive provisions of the Survivor's Trust as to her grandchildren Andrew, Cody, and Alan. It is unclear whether the \$400,000 gift to each of them applied only in the event of the combination of the Survivor's Trust with the Bypass Trust, or if the trusts were not combined, to what extent, if any, would that affect the amount of the bequests/distributions to be made to them.

Mrs. Boyajian was concerned about her grandchildren's ability to responsibly manage their inheritance and instructed her attorney to prepare amendment directing a committee to consider distributions. In doing so, she attempted to modify the formula, which changes pertain to the Survivor's Trust. It is unclear if the \$400,000 gift to each of the three grandchildren applied only in the event assets were combined, etc.

Mrs. Boyajian had the authority to amend the Survivor's Trust such that both Petitioner and Margaret Courtis could potentially receive no assets from the Survivor's Trust if they received from other sources, including, but not limited to the Bypass Trust, life insurance proceeds, or other assets) the sum of \$500,000 each.

Mrs. Boyajian had the authority to amend the Survivor's Trust to name Respondent as beneficiary of said sub-trust.

Mrs. Boyajian intended the provisions of the Second Amendment to apply to the Survivor's Trust and desired to appoint Respondent with her as co-trustee, as she was in need of assistance at that time. Respondent has been administering the assets of the trust as he understood it was his responsibility to marshal and administer the assets for all beneficiaries.

Respondent states instructions would be appropriate as to the administration and disposition of the trust. Petitioner and Margaret Courtis are nominated as successor co-trustees; however, instructions are needed as to whether Mrs. Boyajian had authority to change the nomination with the Amendments.

Respondent states he does not know whether he is required under the Second Amendment to combine the assets of the Survivor's Trust with those of the Bypass Trust prior to final distribution, particularly if the funding of the Survivor's Trust was conducted in accordance with the terms of the Restated Trust and with regard to the amendments. If not combined, to what extend is the amount of the bequests to the grandchildren \$400,000 each) affected?

Respondent agrees that instructions are needed regarding the application of the Second and Third amendments and their scope and effect on beneficiaries.

Respondent therefore requests that this matter be set for evidentiary hearing to consider all evidence and make any and all further orders the Court may deem just and proper.

Petitioner filed a Response to Ms. Courtis' Objection of on 4-10-14 and requests that the petition be approved as prayed. See Response for details.

The Murray 1996 Rev. Trust Agreement dated Rube, Melvin K. (for Successor Trustee Robyn Esraelian)

Horton, Lisa (for Objector Daniel Murray)

Petition to Determine the Validity of the Eighth Amended and Complete Restatement of the Murray 1996 Revocable Trust Agreement

Stanley Murray	ROBYN ESRAELIAN, Successor Trustee, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
DOD: 3-6-09	Petitioner.	Continued from 6-18-14
Margaret Murray	Politic new states Stanley and Margaret Murray	Continued from 6-18-14
DOD: 2-7-14	Petitioner states Stanley and Margaret Murray, husband and wife as Trustors, established the Murray 1996 Revocable Trust Agreement on 7-30-96 (the Trust). Stanley and Margaret	Also set for status hearing. See Page B.
Cont. from 061814	amended and restated the terms of the trust on	
Aff.Sub.Wit.	four occasions prior to 12-3-98.	
✓ Verified		
Inventory	On 12-3-98, Stanley and Margaret again	
PTC	amended and restated the Trust in its entirety with their execution of a document entitled Fifth	
Not.Cred.	Amended and Complete Restatement of the	
✓ Notice of	Murray 1996 Revocable Trust Agreement	
Hrg	(5 th Amended Trust).	
✓ Aff.Mail W	Stanley died on 3-6-09 and Margaret executed	
Aff.Pub.	an Affidavit – Death of Trustee on	
Sp.Ntc.	3-29-09, recorded on 4-6-09. As a result of	
Pers.Serv.	Stanley's death, Margaret became the sole	
Conf.	acting Trustee of the Trust.	
Screen	On 9-16-11, Margaret, as sole surviving Trustor,	
Letters	amended the trust in its entirety and restated	
Duties/Supp	the Trust with her execution of a document	
✓ Objections	entitled Sixth Amended and Complete	
Video	Restatement of the Murray 1996 Revocable Trust Agreement (6 th Amended Trust).	
Receipt	Agreement (8" Amended 110st).	
CI Report	On 10-19-12, Margaret, as sole surviving Trustor,	
9202	again amended the trust in its entirety and	
Order X	restated the Trust with her execution of a	
Aff. Posting	document entitled Seventh Amended and Complete Restatement of the Murray 1996	Reviewed by: skc
Status Rpt	Revocable Trust Agreement (7th Amended	Reviewed on: 8-11-14
UCCJEA	Trust).	Updates:
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FTB Notice	And on 9-19-13, Margaret, as sole surviving Trustor, again amended the trust in its entirety and restated the Trust with her execution of a document entitled Eighth Amended and Complete Restatement of the Murray 1996 Revocable Trust Agreement (8th Amended Trust).	File 6A - Murray
	Margaret died on 2-7-14, and Petitioner, as Successor Trustee, sent notification pursuant to § 16061.7 and a copy of the 8 th Amended Trust to all beneficiaries. The Trust is now irrevocable.	
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Petitioner states DANIEL ANDREW MURRAY, a child of Stanley, was a remainder beneficiary of the Trust under the 5th Amended Trust; however, under the 6th, 7th, and 8th Amended Trusts, he is essentially disinherited. In a letter dated 3-20-14, counsel for Daniel contends that the trust can only be amended by written agreement signed by both trustors, and that since the 8th amendment was not signed by Margaret only, after Stanley's death, it is invalid.

Daniel contends that the 5th Amended Trust, as the last instrument signed by both Stanley and Margaret, is valid and that he is entitled to a distribution pursuant to the 5th Amended Trust.

Petitioner contends that the 8th Amended Trust is valid and that upon termination, the net distributable residuary estate should be distributed pursuant to the 8th Amended Trust.

Petitioner prays for an order declaring that the 8th Amended Trust is valid and directing her, as Successor Trustee of The Murray 1996 Revocable Trust to distribute the residuary trust estate pursuant to Article Five, Paragraph B3 of the 8th Amended Trust.

Daniel Murray filed an Objection on 6-12-14. Objector states:

Stanley had three (3) children before his marriage to Margaret: Daniel Andrew Murray (Objector), Morgan Steven Murray, and Phillip Stanley Murray. Margaret had two children before her marriage to Stanley: Eugenia Kay Stott, and Wayne Stott (predeceased, no issue).

At the time Stanley and Margaret married, Stanley had a large real property ranch that was his separate property. That ranch was sold prior to his death, and made up the majority of trust assets.

Objector states that he, his two siblings, and Margaret's daughter were always the equal beneficiaries of the Trust while Stanley was alive. After Stanley's death, for no reason known or disclosed to Objector, Margaret by herself and against Stanely's written wishes decided to remove Objector as a beneficiary and augment her own daughter's share through subsequent amended trusts.

Objector contends that not only are the subsequent amended trusts signed after Stanley's death invalid per the terms of the 5th Amended Trust, but also that Stanley would never have agreed to the subsequent amended trusts signed by Margaret after his death.

Pursuant to the language in Article Seven of the 5th Amended Trust: the "Trustors may at any time **during their lifetime** amend any terms of this trust by written instrument **signed by the Trustors** and delivered to the Trustee." The

Trust could only be amended during both Stanley and Margaret's lifetime with a written instrument signed by both of them. The language absolutely does not allow one Trustor to amend the Trust after the death of the other.

If the Trustors wanted to allow the surviving Trustor to amend the 5th Amended Trust, then Article Seven would have said something to the effect of "during the lifetime of either Trustor" (See *In Re Estate of Powell* (2000) 83 CA4th 1434).

Since the 6th Amended Trust is only signed by Margaret, it is invalid.

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Objector states if the 8th Amended Trust is found valid it only changes the distributive provisions for Margaret's portion of the trust estate contributed by her, and pursuant to Probate Code §15401(b)(1) and *In Re Estate of Powell* (2000) 83 CA4th 1434, Stanley's trust estate contribution should be distributed pursuant to the 5th Amended Trust.

Objector prays for an order as follows:

- 1) Denying the Petition to Determine Validity of the 8th Amended Trust in its entirety;
- 2) Declaring that the 5th Amended Trust is valid;
- 3) Directing Petitioner as Successor Trustee of the Murray 1996 Revocable Trust to distribute the trust estate pursuant to Article Six of the Fifth Amended Trust; and
- 4) For such other orders as the Court may deem proper.

The Murray 1996 Rev. Trust Agreement dated 7/30/96Case No. 14CEPR00402 Rube, Melvin K. (for Successor Trustee Robyn Esraelian)

Horton, Lisa (for Objector Daniel Murray)

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Renge, Lawson K., sole practitioner (for Petitioner Charles L. Robinson)

Petition for Letters of Administration; Authorization to Administer Under IAEA (Prob. C. 8002, 10450)

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Atty

Hemb, Richard E (for Petitioner Leonard Ross Trujillo)

Petition to Determine Succession to Real Property (Prob. C. 13151)

DC	D: 5/20/08		LEONARD ROSS TRUJILLO, son, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			petitioner.	
			40 days since DOD.	
Со	nt. from		No other proceedings.	
	Aff.Sub.Wit.			
✓	Verified		Decedent died intestate.	
	Inventory		I & A - \$55,000.00	
	PTC			
	Not.Cred.		Petitioner requests Court	
✓	Notice of Hrg		determination that decedent's 100%	
✓	Aff.Mail	W/	interest in real property pass to petitioner pursuant to intestate	
	Aff.Pub.		succession.	
	Sp.Ntc.			
	Pers.Serv.			
	Conf.			
	Screen			
	Letters			
	Duties/Supp			
	Objections			
	Video			
	Receipt			
	CI Report			
	9202			
✓	Order			
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: KT
	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 8/11/14
	UCCJEA			Updates:
	Citation			Recommendation: SUBMITTED
	FTB Notice			File 8 – Trujillo

Case No. 14CEPR00590

Fanucchi, Edward L. (for Lawrence N. Bolinger – brother/Petitioner)

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary; Authorization to Administer Under IAEA (Prob. C. 8002, 10450)

DC	D: 06/08/14		LAWRENCE N. BOLINGER,	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			brother/named Executor without	
			bond, is Petitioner.	The proof of service by mail
				on the Notice of Petition to
Со	nt. from		Full IAEA – OK	Administer Estate is not signed. Need signed Proof of
	Aff.Sub.Wit.	S/P	Will dated 03/07/13	Service by mail.
✓	Verified		Will dated 03/0//13	Note: If the methics is supplied above.
	Inventory		Residence: Fresno	Note: If the petition is granted, status hearings will be set as follows:
	PTC		Publication: The Business Journal	meanings will be set as tollows:
	Not.Cred.			•Wednesday, 08/14/15 at
✓	Notice of		Estimated Value of the Estate:	9:00a.m. in Dept. 303 for the filing of the inventory and
	Hrg		Personal property - \$521,817.00	appraisal <u>and</u>
	Aff.Mail	Χ	Annual income - 3,000.00	• Wednesday, 10/14/15 at
✓	Aff.Pub.		Real property - 107,878.00	9:00a.m. in Dept. 303 for the
	Sp.Ntc.		Total - \$632,695.00	filing of the first account and final distribution.
	Pers.Serv.			mila dismoenem
	Conf.		Probate Referee: STEVEN DIEBERT	Pursuant to Local Rule 7.5 if the required
	Screen			documents are filed 10 days prior to the
✓	Letters			hearings on the matter the status hearing will come off calendar and no
✓	Duties/Supp			appearance will be required.
	Objections			
	Video			
	Receipt			
	CI Report			
	9202			
✓	Order			
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: JF
	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 08/11/14
	UCCJEA			Updates:
	Citation			Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 9 – Bolinger

Atty

Ramirez, Edward R. Jr. (for Petitioner Elisa T. Simpson)

Petition for Letters of Administration; Authorization to Administer Under IAEA (Prob. C. 8002, 10450)

C. 8002, 10450)					
DC	DD: 4/6/2007		ELISA T. SIMPSON, daughter, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:	
C	ont. from		petitioner and requests appointment as Administrator without bond. Full IAEA – o.k.	Need waiver of bond from beneficiary Antonio Tristian, Jr. or bond in the amount of \$60,000.00.	
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Decedent died intestate.	Need date of death of	
√	Verified		Residence: Orange Cove	deceased spouse. Local Rule 7.1.1D.	
	Inventory		Publication: Fresno Business Journal	3. Need Duties and Liabilities.	
	PTC				
	Not.Cred.		Estimated value of the estate: Real property - \$60,000.00	4. Need supplement to the Duties and Liabilities.	
	Notice of Hrg		(Real property \$400,000.00	5. Need Order.	
✓	Aff.Mail	w/o		6. Need Letters.	
√	Aff.Pub.		Probate Referee: Steven Diebert	Note: If the petition is granted,	
	Sp.Ntc.			status hearings will be set as follows:	
	Pers.Serv. Conf.			Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Department 303,	
	Screen			for the filing of the bond (if	
	Letters	Χ		required).	
	Duties/Supp	Χ		Wednesday, December 10, 2014	
	Objections			at 9:00 a.m. in Department 303,	
	Video Receipt			for the filing of the inventory and appraisal.	
	CI Report			Wednesday, September 16, 2015	
	9202			at 9:00 a.m. in Department 303,	
	Order	X		for the filing of the first account or petition for final distribution.	
				Pursuant to Local Rule 7.5 if the required documents are filed 10 days prior the date set the status hearing will come off calendar and no appearance will be required.	
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: KT	
	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 8/12/14	
	UCCJEA			Updates:	
	Citation			Recommendation:	
	FTB Notice			File 10 – Escobar	

Atty Sanoian, Joanne (for Carl Hawk – Conservator)

Atty Rindlisbacher, Curtis D. (Court Appointed for Conservatee)

Probate Status Hearing Re: Failure to File Inventory and Appraisal; Failure to File First Account

Age: 51	CARL HAWK, husband, was appointed Conservator of the Person and Estate on	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
	10/27/11.	CONTINUED FROM 05/15/14
	Letters of Conservatorship were issued on 10/28/11.	As of 08/11/14, nothing further has been filed in the matter
Cont. from 022213,	Inventory & Appraisal was due in March 2012.	and the following items remain
062813, 092713,	The First Account was due in October 2012.	outstanding:
011614, 051514	The first Account was abe in October 2012.	
Aff.Sub.Wit.	Status Hearing Report filed 06/20/13 states:	Need Inventory & Appraisal.
Verified	The conservatee is to receive a profit sharing distribution from her previous employment at	2. Need First Account and
Inventory X	Simonian Packing Companuy. No	Report of Conservator.
PTC	distributions have been made to the	
Not.Cred.	conservatee as of yet and the conservator has been informed that there is an ongoing	
Notice of	investigation by the Department of Labor	
Hrg	arising from complaints with the profit sharing plan. Eric Tristan, investigator with the	
Aff.Mail	Department of Labor stated on 06/20/13 that	
Aff.Pub.	the investigation is still on-going. He further	
Sp.Ntc.	indicated that it is a large investigation involving numerous parties, but that he is	
Pers.Serv.	hopeful it will resolve soon. As the	
Conf.	investigation is still ongoing, the conservator	
Screen	has still not been able to take possessions of any assets of the conservatorship estate and	
Letters	therefore is unable to file an Inventory &	
Duties/Supp	Appraisal or Accounting. A continuance of	
Objections	90 days is requested.	
Video	Status Hearing Report filed 09/25/13 states:	
Receipt	According to Eric Tristan, the Department of Labor investigator handling the investigation	
CI Report	regarding the proposed conservatee's profit	
9202	sharing plan, the investigation remains	
Order	ongoing and there is no set date that the investigation will be resolved, but he hopes it	Povioused by: IF
Aff. Posting Status Rpt	will be in the near future. Petitioner therefore	Reviewed by: JF Reviewed on: 08/11/14
UCCJEA	requests a 90 day continuance.	Updates:
Citation		Recommendation:
FTB Notice		File 11 - Hawk
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12 Jennifer Medrano, Hazel Medrano, Sally Medrano, Amy Medrano, Mike Medrano (GUARD/P) Case No. 11CEPR00789

Atty Estrada, Naborina (Pro Per – Petitioner- Maternal Grandmother)

Petition for Visitation

Jer	nnifer Age: 16	
На	zel Age: 12	
Sal	ly Age: 8	
	ny Age: 6	
	ce Age: 4	
_	nt. from 06021	4,
	1414	•
	Aff.Sub.Wit.	
√	Verified	
	Inventory	
	PTC	
	Not.Cred.	
	Notice of	Х
	Hrg	^
	Aff.Mail	Х
	Aff.Pub.	
	Sp.Ntc.	
	Pers.Serv.	
	Conf.	
	Screen	
	Letters	
	Duties/Supp	
	Objections	
	Video	
	Receipt	
	CI Report	
	9202	
	Order	Х
	Aff. Posting	
	Status Rpt	
	UCCJEA	
	Citation	
	FTB Notice	

NABORINA ESTRADA, maternal grandmother, is petitioner.

RUFINA SANTAMARIA REYNSO, paternal grandmother, was appointed guardian on 12/13/2011.

Father: **ARTEMIO MEDRANO SANTAMARIA**, Court dispensed with notice pursuant to minute order dated 06/02/2014

Mother: EDITH GARCIA, Deceased

Paternal Grandfather: Guillermo Medrano

Maternal Grandfather: Felipe Garcia

Petitioner states: the mother of the children died in 2010. The father has been deported since October 2013. Petitioner alleges that the children do not reside with their paternal grandmother they reside with their paternal uncle. Petitioner is requesting the custody of the children. Petitioner states that she has observed the children to be living in a garage and they do not have any supervision. Petitioner states she is capable of taking care of her grandchildren.

Declaration of the Jennifer Medrano, minor, filed 06/02/2014 states she is writing this because she is afraid to speak in front of the legal guardian. She states she does not want to live with the guardian anymore. She states her and her siblings are made to do everything, they are made to feel like they do not belong, and feel they are being taken advantage of. The minor states she and her little brother live with the guardian and that her three sisters live with their uncle. The minor states she want to go with her grandmother, Norbida Estrada, because she makes her feel wanted.

Please see additional page

NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:

Minute Order of 07/14/2014: Also present in Court is Joanna Cruz. Christina Medrano is sworn and interprets for Rufina Reynoso. With respect to visitation, the Court orders that Jennifer continue to stay with the maternal grandmother and the remaining children be returned to the quardian. The Court orders that there be no drugs or alcohol at any of the locations where the children are residing. The maternal grandmother is ordered to transport Jennifer to Fresno for scheduled appointments. The order includes, but is not limited to the appointment currently scheduled for 07/31/2014. The Court Investigator is ordered to conduct a further investigation.

Minute Order of 06/02/2014: Joanna Cruz is sworn and interprets for the petitioner. Ms. Reynosa is being assisted by an interpreter. The Court dispenses with further notice to father noting that he is out of the country. The Court Investigator is ordered to conduct an investigation of the current guardianship. Additionally, the Court Investigator is ordered to contact CPS regarding and investigation into the well-being of the children. Parties agree to participate in mediation today at 12:30pm regarding the issue of the visitation.

Reviewed by: LV

Reviewed on: 08/11/2014

Updates:

Recommendation:

File 12 – Medrano

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Court Investigator Charlotte Bien's report filed 06/08/2014.

Court Investigator Charlotte Bien's supplemental report filed 08/01/2014.

NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS continued:

- 1. Need Notice of Hearing.
- 2. Need proof of service fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing of the Notice of Hearing along with a copy of the Petition for Visitation on:
 - Rufina Santamaria Reynoso (Guardian)
 - Guillermo Medrano (Paternal Grandfather)
 - Felipe Garcia (Maternal Grandfather)
 - Jennifer Medrano (Minor)
 - Hazel Medrano (Minor)

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Case No. 13CEPR00579

Katherine Lilian Valencia (GUARD/P)

Martinez, Christine (pro per – paternal grandmother/Guardian) Atty Atty

Valencia, Julian Christopher (pro per – father/Petitioner)

Petition for Termination of Guardianship

Ag	e: 2		JULIAN C. VALENCIA, SR., father, is Petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			CHRISTINE MARTINEZ, paternal grandmother, was appointed as Guardian of the Person on 09/03/13. – personally served on 07/02/14	Need proof of service by mai at least 15 days before the hearing of Notice of Hearing with a copy of the Petition for
Со	nt. from		Mother: JESSICA VALENCIA	Termination of Guardianship
	Aff.Sub.Wit.			<u>or</u> Consent & Waiver of Notice <u>or</u> Declaration of Due
✓	Verified		Paternal grandfather: HENRI VALENCIA –	Diligence for:
	Inventory		deceased	a. Jessica Valencia (mother
	PTC		Maternal grandfather: IESUS VALDIVIA	b. Catherine Davis (maternal grandmother)
	Not.Cred.		Maternal grandfather: JESUS VALDIVIA – deceased	(material granament)
✓	Notice of		Maternal grandmother: CATHERINE DAVIS	
	Hrg		G	
	Aff.Mail	Х	Petitioner states that he can provide a good	
	Aff.Pub.		home for his daughter. He states that he has a	
	Sp.Ntc.		stable place to live and steady income.	
✓	Pers.Serv.		Court Investigator Charlotte Bien filed a report	
	Conf.		on 07/22/14.	
	Screen			
	Letters			
	Duties/Supp			
	Objections			
	Video			
	Receipt			
✓	CI Report			
√	9202			
•	Order			Pavious d by: IF
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: JF Reviewed on: 08/11/14
	Status Rpt UCCJEA			Updates:
	Citation			Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 13 - Valencia

Atty

Atty Shabazz, Keisha (pro per – maternal cousin/guardian)

Martin, Marilyn (pro per – maternal grandmother/Petitioner)

Petition for Appointment of Temporary Guardianship of the Person (Prob. C. 2250)

Ag	e: 7		GENERAL HEARING: 10/07/14	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			MARILYN MARTIN, maternal grandmother, is Petitioner.	Note: There currently is a guardianship in place regarding this minor. Petitioner has filed a Petition
Со	Cont. from		KEISHA SHABAZZ , maternal cousin, was appointed guardian of the minor on	for Termination of Guardianship that is set for hearing on 10/07/14, the
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		03/24/14.	same date as the hearing on
✓	Verified		- "	Petitioner's general guardianship
	Inventory		Father: UNKNOWN Mother: LA SHONDRA HARDEMAN –	petition. Due to a guardianship
	PTC		Consent & Waiver of Notice filed	already being in place regarding this minor, it does not appear that this
	Not.Cred.		08/04/14	temporary petition is appropriate.
	Notice of	Х	30,0.,	
	Hrg		Paternal grandparents: UNKNOWN	1. Need Notice of Hearing.
	Aff.Mail			
	Aff.Pub.		Maternal grandfather: RICKY	2. Need proof of personal service at
	Sp.Ntc.		HARDEMAN – deceased	least 5 court days before the hearing of Notice of Hearing with
	Pers.Serv.	Х	Petitioner alleges [temporary petition	a copy of the Petition for
✓	Conf.		does not state a reason that temporary	Appointment of Temporary
	Screen		guardianship is necessary]. Petition for	Guardian of the Person <u>or</u>
✓	Letters		guardianship alleges that Je'Tai is being	Consent & Waiver of Notice <u>or</u>
✓	Duties/Supp		abused by an aunt and 12 year old	Declaration of Due Diligence for:
	Objections		cousin who lives with him. Petitioner alleges that she has told the guardian	a. Keisha Shabazz (guardian) b. Father
	Video		about the abuse, but she does not	b. ramer
	Receipt	<u> </u>	believe her and does nothing to stop it.	
	CI Report		Petitioner alleges that the guardian is	
	9202		away from home frequently working	
✓	Order		and does not see the abuse. Petitioner	
	Aff. Posting		further alleges that the 12 year old cousin has exposed Je'Tai to	Reviewed by: JF
	Status Rpt		inappropriate photographs and shown	Reviewed on: 08/12/14
✓	UCCJEA		him where to look at these	Updates:
	Citation		inappropriate pictures on a phone.	Recommendation:
<u>L</u>	FTB Notice	<u> </u>		File 14 – Hardeman
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Pro Per Dassori, Edward J. (Pro per Petitioner)

Petition to Determine Succession to Real Property (Prob. C. 13151)

D.C.	40/40/2015		LAISEDS (PRODUCING (COMMENTS)
DOD:	10/19/2013	EDWARD J. DASSORI, son, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
		Petitioner. 40 days since DOD	Continued from 7/2/2014. Minute Order [Judge Black] states: No appearances. Matter continued to 8/13/2014. Edward Dassori is ordered to be
Cont.	from 070214	40 days since DOD	personally present on 8/13/2014.
√ Ve	ff.Sub.Wit. erified ventory	Other proceedings commenced; need required information	Clerk's Certificate of Mailing filed 7/3/2014 shows a copy of the Minute Order dated 7/2/104 was mailed to Edward Dassori on 7/3/2014.
No Hr	ot.Cred.		 The following issues from the last hearing remain: 1. Petition was filed with a fee waiver. Filing fees are due prior to distribution of property from an estate. Therefore, filing fee of \$435.00 is due prior to the order for distribution being processed for Petitioner.
Sp Pe	ff.Pub. D.Ntc. ers.Serv. onf.	Petitioner requests Court determination that Decedent's 100% interest in real property	2. Need proof of mailed service of the Notice of Hearing for all persons listed in Item 14 of the Petition pursuant to Probate Code § 13153.
Sc Le Du	etters uties/Supp	located at 2616 N. Archie Ave., Fresno, and 100% interest in personal property, passes to the Petitioner [and to RICHARD DASSORI] pursuant to	3. Item 1 of the <i>Petition</i> does not indicate that personal property is included in Petitioner's request; however, personal property is stated on <i>Attachment 11</i> as part of Petitioner's request.
Vid Re	deo eceipt I Report	Decedent's Will.	4. Item 2a and 2b of the <i>Petition</i> is incomplete regarding date and place of Decedent's death.
l 	rder		5. Item 5 of the Petition states Decedent died testate and a copy of the Will and any Codicil is affixed as Attachment 5 or 12a. (Item 12 of the Petition is incomplete regarding a Will of Decedent.) Petition does not but should include a copy of Decedent's Will and any Codicil as an attachment. ~Please see additional page~
Af	ff. Posting		Reviewed by: LEG
Sto	atus Rpt		Reviewed on: 8/12/14
UC	CCJEA		Updates:
Ci	itation	_	Recommendation:
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Case No. 14CEPR00447

NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS, continued:

- 6. Need original Will of the Decedent to be deposited with the Court pursuant to Probate Code § 8200. Deposit fee of \$50.00 will be due from Petitioner prior to the order for distribution being processed for Petitioner.
- 7. Item 7 of the *Petition* states that proceedings for the administration of Decedent's estate have been commenced in another jurisdiction; however, the required information is not specified regarding the state, county, court, and case number.
- 8. Item 8 of the Petition requires a Final Inventory and Appraisal to be attached to the Petition. Need Final Inventory and Appraisal [DE-160, 161] pursuant to Probate Code § 13152(b).
- 9. Item 9a of the *Petition* is incomplete as to (2)(a) or (b) re: divorced, never married, spouse deceased (and if spouse deceased, need spouse's date of death); and *Petition* is incomplete as to (5)(a) of (b) re: natural or adopted child, or adopted by a third party; and *Petition* is incomplete as to (7) or (8) re: issue of a predeceased child.
- 10. Item 13 of the *Petition* states the specific property interest claimed by each Petitioner in the property is **50%** to **EDWARD J. DASSORI**, son, and **50%** to **RICHARD DASSORI**, son. Each person claiming an interest in the property of Decedent's estate must be a Petitioner. Therefore, need amended Petition with **RICHARD DASSORI** as a Co-Petitioner.
- 11. Need proposed Order Determining Succession to Real Property (Judicial Council form DE-315) containing the legal description of the real property, describing the personal property, and specifying the percentage of the Petitioner's property interest.

White, Dearil A. (pro per – son/Petitioner)

Petition for Letters of Special Administration with General Powers; Authorization to Administer Under IAEA (Prob. C. 8002, 10450)

_		Administer Under IAEA (Prob. C. 8	
DC	DD: NOT STATED	DEARIL WHITE, son, is Petitioner	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
		and requests appointment as	CONTINUED FROM 07/02/14
		Administrator [bond not	As of 08/11/14, nothing further has been filed by Petitioner.
		addressed].	The Petition is incomplete, need amended
	ont. from 070214	=	petition based on, but not limited to the following:
	Aff.Sub.Wit.	IAEA – not marked on petition,	Need Publication. Need Notice of Petition to Administer Estate
		need publication	and proof of service by mail at least 15 days
✓	Verified	Decedent died intestate or had	before the hearing of Notice of Petition to
	Inventory	a will [petition is incomplete]	Administer the Estate to all interested parties. 3. The Petition is incomplete at items:
	PTC		a. 1 – either box a or b should be selected
	Not.Cred.	Residence: Not stated	b. 2(b) – Petitioner's name should be listed
	Notice of X		here c. 2(c) – If Petitioner is requesting IAEA
	Hrg		authority either full or limited should be
	Aff.Mail X	Estimated Value of the Estate:	selected d. 2(d) – nothing is marked regarding bond
	Aff.Pub. X	NOT LICTED	or blocked account
	Sp.Ntc.		e. 3 – need date and place of decedent's
-	 	Probate Referee: RICK SMITH	death f. 3(b) – need decedent's address at time
	Pers.Serv.	=	of death
	Conf.		 g. 3(c) – character and estimated value of the estate should be completed
	Screen	_	h. 3(d) – bond/waivers of bond is not
✓	Letters		addressed
✓	Duties/Supp		i. 3(e) – Not marked whether decedent died intestate or had a will
	Objections		j. 5(a)(2)(b) – The petition states that the
	Video		decedent had a predeceased spouse.
	Receipt		Need name and date of death of predeceased spouse.
	CI Report		k. 5(a)(7) or (8) is not marked whether
	9202		decedent did/did not have a predeceased child
✓	Order	7	I. 8 – Names and relationship to decedent
	o de l		of all heirs (including Petitioner) and
			including any predeceased children or spouse should be listed in item 8. The
			name Carolyn Watson is listed, however
			her relationship to the decedent is not
			stated. Note: It is strongly recommended that the
			petitioner seek legal advice.
	Aff. Posting	_	Reviewed by: JF
	Status Rpt		Reviewed on: 08/11/14
	UCCJEA		Updates:
	Citation		Recommendation:
	FTB Notice	<u>]</u>	File 16 - White
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Bowen, Deanna (Pro Per – Petitioner – Maternal Grandmother)

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person (Prob. C. 1510)

Ag	e: 3		NO TEMPORARY REQUESTED	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
Co	nt. from Aff.Sub.Wit.		DEANNA BOWEN, maternal grandmother, is petitioner. Father: ZACHARY MARSHALL , consents and waives notice	Need proof of service fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing of the Notice of Hearing along with a copy of the Petition for Appointment of Guardian or consent and waiver of notice or
√	Verified Inventory		Mother: NICOLE MARIE REED , consents and waives notice Paternal Grandfather: Unknown	declaration of due diligence for: • Paternal Grandfather (Unknown)
√	PTC Not.Cred. Notice of		Paternal Grandmother: Cari Adams, served by mail on 06/24/2014	
√	Aff.Mail Aff.Pub.	w/	Maternal Grandfather: Rodney Lee Reed, deceased Petitioner states: petitioner is the maternal	
	Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv. Conf.	n/a	grandmother and has set a place of residence for her grand baby as the parents are not in the position to care for	
✓ ✓	Screen Letters		the child at this time. Court Investigator Julie Negrete's report filed 08/05/2014.	
√	Duties/Supp Objections			
	Video Receipt			
✓	CI Report			
✓	Order Order			
	Aff. Posting Status Rpt			Reviewed by: LV Reviewed on: 08/12/2014
✓	UCCJEA Citation			Updates: Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 17 – Marshall

Pro Per Dornhofer, Peter Leo (Pro Per Petitioner, father)
Pro Per Dornhofer, Elizabeth (Pro Per Petitioner, mother)

Petition for Appointment of Probate Conservator of the Person (Prob. C. 1820, 1821, 2680-2682)

Ag	e: 17 years		NO TEMPORARY REQUESTED	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
Co	nt. from Aff.Sub.Wit.		PETER L. DORNHOFER and ELIZABETH M. DORNHOFER, parents, are Petitioners and request appointment as Conservator of the Person with medical consent powers.	Court Investigator Advised Rights on 7/30/2014. Voting Rights Affected – Need Minute Order.
√ ✓	Inventory Cap. Dec.		Capacity Declaration of Peter M. Nakaguchi, M.D., filed 6/18/2014 supports request for medical consent powers.	Note: Proposed order finds that the order is effective on the date minor attains majority on 8/31/2014.
√ ✓	Not.Cred. Notice of Hrg Aff.Mail	W/	Voting Rights Affected Petitioners state the proposed	Note: Citation for Conservatorship filed 6/25/2014 is incomplete at Item 1 (a) which should include the hearing date, time and Court
✓ —	Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv.		Conservatee is diagnosed with severe intellectual disability and is unable to provide for his personal needs for physical health, food, clothing and	Department, and is incomplete at Item 1 (b) regarding reason for the issuance of the Citation. Incompleteness of Item 1 (a) may be
✓ ✓ ✓	Conf. Screen Letters		shelter as he functions cognitively at about a 7- to 9-month-old level, he is non-verbal, and requires 24-hour one-on-one assistance and care for all his	considered a Clerk's error since typically the information is provided and inserted by the Clerk as a courtesy to the filing party, while the
✓	Duties/Supp Objections		activities of daily living, including feeding, taking medications, dressing, bathing, toileting and all recreational	incompleteness of Item 1 (b) is Petitioner error.
✓	Video Receipt		activities. Court Investigator Jennifer Daniel's	
✓	CI Report 9202		Report was filed on 8/6/2014.	
✓	Order Order			
	Aff. Posting Status Rpt			Reviewed by: LEG Reviewed on: 8/12/14
√	UCCJEA Citation			Updates: Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 18 – Dornhofer

Wynn, Kathleen Marie (pro per – daughter/Petitioner)

Petition for Letters of Administration; Authorization to Administer Under IAEA (Prob. C. 8002, 10450)

			C. 8002, 10450)		
DC	D: 07/22/13		KATHLEEN WYNN, daughter, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:	
	nt. from 073014	_	Petitioner and requests appointment as Administrator without bond. Full IAEA – OK	CONTINUED FROM 07/30/14 Minute Order from 07/30/14 states: Examiner notes are provided to the petitioner. The petitioner reports that the decedent had a will.	
Co		•		As of 08/11/14, nothing further has been	
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Will dated or Decedent died	filed.	
✓	Verified		intestate? -(See note 1)	The Petition is inconsistent regarding	
	Inventory		Residence: Kingsburg	whether decedent had a will or died	
	PTC		Publication: OK	intestate (without a will). Need	
	Not.Cred.			clarification. If decedent had a will, a copy of the will must be attached to	
✓	Notice of		Estimated value of the estate:	the Petition and the original must be	
	Hrg		Personal property - \$ 5,000.00	deposited with the Court. If the	
✓	Aff.Mail	w/	Real property - 100,000.00	decedent died intestate, need	
✓	Aff.Pub.		Total - \$105,000.00	waivers of bond from all heirs or bond in the amount of \$105,500.00.	
	Sp.Ntc.		Probate Referee: STEVEN DIEBERT	·	
	Pers.Serv.		Trobate Referee. STEVER BIEBERT	The Petitioner indicates that the decedent had a predeceased	
	Conf.			spouse. Need name and date of	
	Screen			death of predeceased spouse	
	Letters	Χ		pursuant to Local Rule 7.1.1D.	
	Duties/Supp	Χ		3. Need Confidential Supplement to	
	Objections			Duties and Liabilities (form DE-147S).	
	Video			4. Need Order & Letters.	
	Receipt			Note: If the petition is granted status	
	CI Report			hearings will be set as follows: • Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at	
	9202			9:00a.m. in Dept. 303 for the filing	
	Order	Χ		of the inventory and appraisal and	
				• Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 9:00a.m. in Dept. 303 for the filing of the first account and final distribution. Pursuant to Local Rule 7.5 if the required documents are filed 10 days prior to the hearings on the matter, the status hearing will come off calendar and no appearance will be required.	
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: JF	
	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 08/11/14	
<u> </u>	UCCJEA			Updates:	
<u> </u>	Citation			Recommendation:	
	FTB Notice			File 19 – Morse	
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Clark, Christine (pro per – spouse/Petitioner)

Petition for Appointment of Probate Conservator of the Person (Prob. C. 1820, 1821, 2680-2682)

Ag	e: 47		NO TEMPORARY REQUESTED	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			CHRISTINE CLARK, spouse, is Petitioner and requests appointment as Conservator of the Person with medical consent powers.	Investigator advised rights on 07/25/14. Voting rights affected, need minute
Со	nt. from			order.
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Declaration of John Kirby, M.D.	
√	Verified		supports request for medical consent powers.	
	Inventory		pe weis.	
	PTC		Voting rights affected.	
✓	Not.Cred.			
'	Notice of		Petitioner states that the proposed conservatee suffered from a traumatic	
√	Hrg Aff.Mail	w/	brain injury as a result of being	
	Aff.Pub.	VV /	assaulted. He cannot walk and has	
	Sp.Ntc.		limited use of the right side of his body.	
✓	Pers.Serv.	w/		
✓	Conf.	VV /	Court Investigator Julie Negrete filed a report on 08/07/14.	
	Screen		1epon on 06/07/14.	
✓	Letters			
✓	Duties/Supp			
	Objections			
✓	Video			
	Receipt			
✓	CI Report			
	9202			
✓	Order			
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: JF
	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 08/12/14
✓	UCCJEA			Updates:
*	Citation			Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 20 – Clark

Bollenbacher, Brandon M (pro per Petitioner/grandson)

Petition for Appointment of Probate Conservator of the Person and Estate (Prob. C. 1820, 1821, 2680-2682)

	BRANDON BOLLENBACHER, grandson, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
	petitioner.	This matter should be denied and
	=	dismissed.
Cont. from	=	
Aff.Sub.Wit.	=	
Verified	1	
Inventory	=	
PTC	=	
Not.Cred.	1	
Notice of	1	
Hrg		
Aff.Mail]	
Aff.Pub.		
Sp.Ntc.		
Pers.Serv.		
Conf.		
Screen		
Letters	_	
Duties/Supp	<u> </u>	
Objections	<u> </u> =	
Video		
Receipt	=	
CI Report	4	
9202	4	
Order	4	Daviewed by KT
Aff. Posting	_	Reviewed by: KT
Status Rpt UCCJEA	-	Reviewed on: 8/12/14 Updates:
Citation	4	Recommendation:
FTB Notice	4	File 21 - Beck
FIB NOTICE		FILE 21 - DECK

1 Wanda H. Bingham (CONS/PE)

Case No. 11CEPR00949

Atty Roberts, David A. (for Joan St. Louis – Conservator – Petitioner)

Atty Boyett, Deborah K. (Court appointed attorney for Conservatee Wanda H. Bingham – Objector)

Atty Burnside, Leigh W. (for Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. – Co-Trustee of Trust – Objector)

Atty Chambers, Paul (for Randy Grace – Co-Trustee of Trust – Objector)

Amended First Account and Report of Conservator and Petition for Allowance of Compensation to Conservator and Attorneys' Fees and Costs

Cont. from 061214 Aff.Sub.Wit. Verified Inventory PTC Not.Cred. Notice of Hrg	Account period: 4-25-12 through 12-31-13 Accounting: \$484,471.95 Beginning POH: \$342,061.57 Ending POH: \$390,316.83 (\$372,316.83 is cash) Conservator: \$44,697.49 plus \$2,760.24 mileage, for	OFF CALENDAR First Amended First Account and Report of Conservator is set for
Verified Inventory PTC Not.Cred.	Ending POH: \$390,316.83 (\$372,316.83 is cash) Conservator: \$44,697.49 plus \$2,760.24 mileage, for	Account and Report of
PTC Not.Cred.	-	
I * I Notice of Hra I	a total of :\$47,457.73 (for 297.98 hrs @ \$150/hr, and for 4,929 miles @ \$0.56/mile, per declaration, to be paid by the Survivor's Trust)	hearing on <u>9/23/2014 at</u> <u>9:00 AM</u> , per Attorney Roberts' request for continuance.
Aff.Mail w Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv. Conf. Screen Letters	Petitioner requests that she be allowed to pay herself in the future a set sum of \$2,250/month plus mileage, annually upon court order for the accounting period, which wil eliminate the need for writing down each and every telephone call and trip to the conservatee's residence.	SEE ADDITIONAL PAGES
Duties/Supp Objections Video Receipt	Attorney: \$12,636.00 plus costs of \$971.00, for a total of \$13,607.00 (for 42.4 attorney hours @ \$300/hr and 1.05 paralegal hours @ \$120/hr, per declaration. Costs include filing, appraisal, and certified copies.)	
CI Report 9202 Order Aff. Posting	Petitioner prays for an order: 1. Settling and allowing the account; 2. Approving and confirming the acts of petitioner as conservator of the person and estate; 3. Allowing \$44,697.49 plus \$2,760.24 mileage to be	Reviewed by: skc (LEG 8/12/14)
Status Rpt UCCJEA Citation FTB Notice	 paid to the conservator from the Survivor's Trust; 4. Allowing \$12,636.00 plus \$971.00 to be paid to the attorney from the Survivor's Trust; 5. Allowing the Conservator to pay herself a set 	Reviewed on: 8/12/14 Updates: Recommendation: File 1 - Bingham
	sum of \$2,250/month plus mileage, payable annually upon court order; and 6. For such other and further relief as may be just, equitable, and proper. Objections have been filed. See additional pages.	

Objections were filed 5-23-14 by Deborah Boyett, Court appointed attorney for Conservatee Wanda H. Bingham, and Guardian Ad Litem for Mrs. Bingham in the related trust matter. Objector states the account should not be approved on the following grounds:

- A. The compensation requested by the conservator is excessive and does not satisfy the statutory requirement of being "just and reasonable."
- B. The conservator has relinquished a number of responsibilities sine her appointment in January 2013 and the request for a set sum of \$2,250/month in the future is excessive and is not "just and reasonable."
- C. The schedules supporting the accounting are incomplete and describe transactions not readily understood without further detail and should be amended as more specifically requested in the objection.

Compensation for the conservator at a rate of \$150/hour is not a rate customarily allowed for similar conservatorships. Although the conservator has an advanced degree and her expertise in caring for Alzheimer's patients was instrumental in assisting and instructing the conservatee's caregivers, the account does not offer support for determining that the routine services provided as conservator required more than ordinary skill or judgment. Although the conservatorship estate has presented management challenges from the beginning, and there has been ongoing confusion, lack of effective communication, and at times contentiousness as to whether certain responsibilities were duties of the conservator or the co-trustees (Wells Fargo Bank, NA, and Randy Grace), the conservator of the estate had limited estate management duties comprised of ensuring residential maintenance and bills, cash for spending money for the Conservatee. However, since approx. May 2013, the responsibility for the payment of the residential bills was assumed by Wells Fargo Bank, NA, and the responsibility for residential maintenance was assumed by Randy Grace individually and a property manager hired by him. There are no services provided as conservator of the person or as conservator of the estate which would require an unusual level of skill or expertise to justify the hourly compensation requested. Based on a review of current wages in Fresno County, Attorney Boyett suggests that \$25-35/hr may be appropriate.

Likewise, the set sum of \$2,250/month plus mileage appears to be based on the same hourly rate of \$150/hr for 15 hours of service per month; however, as noted, the conservator is not rendering certain services, and there is no indication that she has increased or will increase the services she is providing. Additionally, the conservator has indicated very recently that she is not accepting responsibility for ensuring that the conservatee's taxes are timely paid and returns timely filed. Rather, she has indicated that this responsibility is to be assumed by the co-trustees. Therefore, as she has relinquished certain services she was otherwise providing, to estimate the same hours for future services is not justified and too speculative and the Court should deny this request.

The objection further provides various line items that require more detailed explanation. See objection for specifics, including disbursements for donations, jewelry, bank fees, cash withdrawals, and others, and lack of disbursements or receipts for certain time frames, etc., without explanation.

Objection states the account appears to be incomplete and lacks sufficient explanation as to the purpose of certain transactions; therefore, an amended account should be filed.

Objector requests that the account be denied, that the compensation to the conservator be denied, and that the account be amended to correct insufficiencies.

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Objections were filed 6-5-14 by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and joined by Randy Grace, Co-Trustees of the Byrum C. and Wanda H. Bingham Family Trust. Objectors object as follows:

- A. Compensation of \$44,697.49 is excessive. Objectors agree with Ms. Boyett that an hourly rate of \$25-35 is just and reasonable for the services performed by the Conservator;
- B. Compensation of \$2,250/month is excessive;
- C. Objectors also find the schedules to be incomplete and lacking sufficient explanation. In addition to the issues identified by Ms. Boyett, Objectors also note additional issues, including that the earrings purchased for \$15,909.08 are not listed as an asset of the conservatorship estate. Given their value, Objectors submit that they should be included in future inventories, failure to identify investments of the IRA, etc. See Objections for details.
- D. The petition fails to state various information required by Probate Code §1064;
- E. The petition does not address that the current bond is insufficient.
- F. The Conservator failed to timely file any of the estimated taxes for the conservatorship estate resulting in late penalties and interest in the amount of \$1,450.00 and the conservator should be individually surcharged that amount. Information provided.
- G. The mileage reported is excessive. The conservator reports that a visit to Mrs. Bingham's house is a 50-mile round trip; however, pursuant to online mapping services, it is a 17.67 mile trip one way making it an approx. 35-mile round trip.
- H. Objectors object to certain line items on Petitioner's time and mileage sheet.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and Randy Grace, as Co-Trustees, request an order directing that the conservator file an amended account addressing the deficiencies set forth in the objections, disallowing the request for compensation and future compensation rate, requiring an additional bond for a total bond of \$485,578.45 as calculated, surcharging the conservator for the \$1,450 in penalties and interest for her failure to timely file taxes, disallowing mileage reimbursement as requested, and disallowing certain specific line items in the compensation request.

NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:

- The schedules do not appear to correspond to the account period. For example, the interest and dividends from the IRA begin at June 2012, and the social security receipts begin at May 2013. Need clarification or amended schedules for the complete account period beginning 4-25-12.
- 2. Disbursement on 1-18-13 indicates \$923.97 "Deaf School Donation." Examiner notes that donations typically require Court approval via substituted judgment. See Duties of Conservator, Cal. Rules of Court 7.1059 and Probate Code §2583(b). The Court may require clarification as to the donation, the amount, the recipient, etc. Pursuant to Probate Code §2583(b), was this gift in line with the conservatee's past donative practices?
- 3. Disbursements Schedule indicates gifts of \$1,000.00 to Brian Grace, Brian Grace, Jr., Benecia Grace, and Randy Grace "per court order" in March 2013. Need clarification: On what date did the Court authorize these gifts? Please note that the conservatorship file is extensive, and as such the Examiner was unable to find any such order for this time frame.

<u>Note</u>: There is a line item in the Receipts Schedule indicating that \$6,000.00 was received from the trust in December 2012 "per court order" to distribute gifts. However, please note that the trust is a separate entity and file from this conservatorship estate, and therefore, anything that occurred in the trust is not readily understandable from this petition unless it is explained.

Regardless, the amount disbursed to the recipients mentioned above does not total \$6,000.00. Need clarification: What exactly did the Court authorize, and was it achieved? The Court may require receipts from the recipients.

- Disbursements Schedule indicates a disbursement to Jeffrey Bingham in the amount of \$584.00.
 Need explanation.
- 5. Disbursements Schedule indicates a disbursement to Randy Grace for \$500.00. Need explanation.
- 6. Disbursements Schedule indicates a reimbursement to Randy Grace of \$303.00. Need explanation.
- 7. Disbursements Schedule indicates numerous miscellaneous cash withdrawals. Need clarification.
- 8. Need clarification re lump sum disbursements paid on 12-31-12 of \$1,157.20 and \$2,236.84 in Wells Fargo Bank Fees for 2012 and 2013. What are the fees for, and why were they both paid in lump sums on the same date at the end of 2012?

- 9. Need clarification re the reimbursement to the conservator's account for earrings purchased for the Conservatee in the amount of \$15,909.08. Also, as noted in the objections, given the value of the item purchased, it appears the new jewelry should now be included as an asset of the conservatorship estate.
- 10. Need clarification re the disbursement of \$48,156.91 to the trust. Was this authorized by the Court?
- 11. According to the objections, Petitioner failed to timely pay certain tax liabilities of the conservatorship estate resulting in penalties. Need clarification with reference to Probate Code 2461, Cal. Rules of Court 7.1059, and Duties of Conservator Form GC-358. Examiner notes that there is at least one line item in Petitioner's fee request for a meeting with the CPA re tax returns and additional line items in the attorney's fee request regarding a substantial refund (\$225,000.00); however, there are no disbursements noted in the schedules relating to payment of taxes, and no receipts in the amount referenced by the attorney. Were the \$225,000.00 refund and the attorney time spent thereon related to this conservatorship estate? Need clarification regarding the taxes for this conservatorship and a schedule if required pursuant to Probate Code §1063(g).
- 12. As noted in the objections, Petitioner requests compensation at a rate of \$150/hr due to her knowledge and expertise in dealing with Alzheimer's patients. The Court may require clarification as to how the majority of the tasks detailed in Petitioner's itemization of conservatorship duties require advanced expertise as opposed to the general care and duty required of a conservator. (Examiner notes that many of the line items involve travel to and from various places, such as the country club to pick up a bill, the credit union, Vons, and even PG&E to pay a bill.)
- 13. The objections also noted that Petitioner's mileage appears excessive based on actual distances. Examiner notes also that the mileage appears as rounded figures rather than actual mileage recorded (e.g., 50 miles for a visit to the conservatee's home, 30 miles for a visit to the credit union, etc.) The Court may require clarification regarding the distances traveled. The Court may also require clarification regarding the necessity of physically traveling to the financial institutions and various creditors' locations to pay bills (PG&E, the country club, etc.)
- 14. Need account statement for IRA for the beginning of the account period (April 2012) and the period immediately prior pursuant to Probate Code §2620(c)(2). (The statement provided is for June 2012.)

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15. It appears the current bond is not sufficient. Examiner notes that under the original conservator of the estate, David J. St. Louis, the estate consisted solely of one IRA account, which was blocked. See receipt filed 5-22-12. It appears day to day expenses were handled by the trust at that point. However, upon Mrs. St. Louis' appointment as successor conservator, an account was opened at Fresno County Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$43,605.41 for use by the conservatorship estate and Mrs. St. Louis filed a bond in the amount of \$50,000.00. However, it appears that during this account period, additional assets were received, and the conservatorship estate now receives income as well.

At this time, Schedule E (Property On Hand) reflects three accounts as follows:

- FCFCU Savings: \$74,034.95FCFCU Checking: \$7,222.80
- IRA (under a new account number): \$291,059.08

Therefore, need receipt for blocked account reflecting the new IRA account number, and bond covering all amounts that are not blocked (FCFCU Savings and Checking), and also including calculations for annual income and cost of recovery. Examiner calculates bond should be increased to a total of \$146,918.84 if the IRA is blocked.

<u>Note</u>: This calculation does not consider the FMV increase discussed below; however, the Court may wish to include this in the calculation.

16. The Summary indicates an increase in FMV of the IRA of \$43,425.11; however, there is no explanation or schedule to support this figure. Need clarification. See Probate Code §1062(a).

<u>Note</u>: The IRA was originally inventoried as a <u>cash asset</u> pursuant to the I&A filed 2-28-13 and Probate Code §8901. It appears that it continues to be held as an uninsured investment account. The objections are requesting that Petitioner identify each asset in the managed investment account. At this point, the Court may require clarification regarding its original inventory value, if this is actually an asset with individually held investments that fluctuate in value rather than simple cash value identifiable by receipts.

<u>Note</u>: The Receipts schedule *separately* notes that dividends in the amount of \$11,881.09 were received from the IRA. This figure appears to be separate from the FMV calculation, but it is unclear. Are these cash dividends received from the IRA (the \$11,881.09) deposited back into the IRA, thereby contributing to the increase in FMV, or are they received as income by the Conservatee and therefore deposited to savings or checking?

17. The conservatorship estate received proceeds from two life insurance policies totaling \$36,662.18 on 10-29-13. The attorney fee request indicates a telephone conference with the Veterans Administration regarding payment on insurance policies. Pursuant to Probate Code §1461.5, if the conservatorship estate consists wholly or in part of money received from the Veterans Administration, notice of hearing is required to be served on the Office of Veterans Administration.

Examiner's Note: There may be additional issues upon further review.